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| PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: | Board of Examiners in Optometry |
| MEETING DATE AND TIME: | Wednesday, February 25, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. |
| PLACE: | 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building |
| MINUTES APPROVED: | April 28, 2016 |

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky, Professional Member, President
Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member
Evelyn Nestlerode, Public Member

Members Absent

Irvin Bowers, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II
David Mangler, Division Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Deborah Hamilton

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hilovsky called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting. Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Senall to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Completion of Internship Application(s)

The Board reviewed the Completion of Internship applications for:

Lisa Draper
Daniel Geary
Adriane Hohmann
Jenna Korsan

Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Senall to approve all four applicants for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Application(s) by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application from Artis Beatty. Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Senall to approve Artis Beatty's application by reciprocity. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Telehealth Proposed Regulations

The discussion regarding Telehealth in Optometry began with Dr. Hilovsky questioning whether there are guidelines concerning safety and HIPA compliance in Delaware.

Mr. Mangler explained that several Professional Boards have chosen to create Rules and Regulations concerning Telehealth. Ms. Singh prepared a draft of regulations which mainly focused on maintaining confidentiality with HIPA. The Board members reviewed each proposed regulation. Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Senall to approve the changes made to the proposed regulations. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Criminal Background Check Compliance

Dr. Hilovsky posed a question on whether the Division is able to verify which licensees are in compliance with the fingerprinting requirement.

Mr. Mangler explained that once SB98 went into effect, a process was developed by the Division to identify licensees who had not yet been fingerprinted. These individuals were sent notifications that they would need to submit fingerprints to the State Bureau of Investigation for processing. The notices informed the licensees that their completed Criminal History reports would need to be received by the Division prior to January 1, 2016 in order to be in compliance. If a Criminal History reports was not received by the above date, a second notice was sent informing the licensee that he/she was scheduled for a Rule to Show Cause Hearing.

Official Notification to Delaware Licensees of New Rules & Regs. Effective September 1, 2015

Dr. Hilovsky inquired about sending correspondence to all Optometry licensees regarding the new Rules and Regulations which became effective on September 1, 2015.

Mr. Mangler explained that it would be a cumbersome and expensive process to notify all licensees about the changes to the regulations.

Ms. Singh stated that the Rules and Regulations are public information.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the February 25, 2016 Board Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room B, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Hilovsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Smith
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal